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Dear Mrs. Rick

As a fifth generation cotton producer in the Mississippi Delta, we are not interested in a referendum on the Research and Promotion Act. We are interested in a price structure that will enable us to continue to grow cotton profitably.

Under the direction of the Cotton Board, the research and promotion done by Cotton INC. has proven very beneficial to cotton producers. We like the State Support funds being used by the USDA and Mississippi State University for research for addressing some most pressing problems. The development of permanent press cotton fabric was a great stride. As more changes occur in global trading, we must be prepared to adjust our operations to take advantages of opportunities.

Therefore we feel like a referendum is not needed or wanted by us as cotton growers.

Sincerely,

Clark and Bob Cato